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SUBJ: CHARUNPHAN ON THAI/KOREAN RELATIONS

FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN ITSARANGKUN NA AYUTTHAYA HELD
A PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 26. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL
USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS COMMENTS ON THAI/KOREAN RELATIONS.

REPORTER: WHEN WILL THE SOUTH KOREAN PREMIER COME
HERE?

CHARUNPHAN: THE SOUTH KOREAN PREMIER WILL MOST PROBABLY NOT
BE ABLE TO LEAVE HIS COUNTRY AND GO ANY WHERE AT PRESENT BECAUSE
THE SITUATION THERE IS NOT VERY ORDERLY.

REPORTER: WHEN WILL WE SEND A TRADE MISSION TO NORTH KOREA?

CHARUNPHAN: RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA HAVE EXISTED SINCE
IT SENT A TRADE MISSION HERE. WE COULD SEND A TRADE MISSION
IN RETURN ANY TIME BUT NO DEFINITE DATE FOR ITS DEPARTURE
HAS BEEN FIXED YET. BUT FROM THE ANGLE OF PRINCIPLES IN
GENERAL, WE SHOULD SEND A TRADE MISSION THERE IN RETURN.

AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED TODAY (WITH THE ROK) CONCERNING
DOUBLE TAXATION, IN ORDER NOT TO COLLECT TAXES WHICH ARE A
DUPLICATION. THIS IS FOR BUSINESSMEN, OR BOTH PRIVATE
COMPANIES AND COMPANIES WHICH HAVE COME AND ARE OPERATING IN
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THAILAND AND WHICH HAVE TO PAY TAXES TO OUR COUNTRY. IF THEY MAKE

PROFIT IN ANY WAY THEY MUST PAY TAXATION TO THAILAND. BUT
HIS AGREEMENT SIGNED WILL HELP THEM WHEN THEY TAKE THE PROFIT
MADE AND ON WHICH TAXATION HAS BEEN PAID ALREADY BACK TO
THEIR OWN COUNTRY. IT MEANS THAT SINCE THEY HAVE PAID TAXATION
ALREADY THEY WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY TAXATION WHICH WOULD BE
COUPLE TAXATION IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY. SIMILARLY, THAI BUSINESSMEN
OR THAI COMPANIES WHO ARE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES IN THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND WHO MUST PAY TAXATION TO IT ALSO WILL
BE EXEMPTED FROM TAXATION WHEN THEY BRING THE PROFIT MADE BACK
HERE.
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